[TFR 207-1]

CHIEF, TASK FORCE RUSSIA
Colonel A. Parr

Dear Mr. Parr:

In accordance with your request, the Russian side of the commission conducted a verification of the information that you received in the course of the interview with V.M. Malinin concerning Korean War-era American prisoners of war purportedly held on the territory of the USSR.

As a result of the verification, it was established that Vladimir Makarovich Malinin (born in 1919) did work until 1953 as the Chief of the Inspector General Department of the GUVD [Main Directorate for Internal Affairs] for Leningrad and Leningrad Oblast. From April of 1953, he commanded the 1st Internal Guard Detachment of the MVD [Ministry of Internal Affairs]. In 1958 Malinin departed for further service in Magadan Oblast where he worked for two years as the Chief of Staff of the MPVO [local air defense] (he had no relation to the operation of the prison facilities). He retired to the reserves in 1960.

The verification established that the Magadan UKGB [Directorate of the Committee for State Security] detention facility was abolished in 1950 [probably means "1960"], and suspects were held in the SIZO [detention facility]. Thus, neither Philip Mandra nor any other prisoner could have been held in the KGB detention facility later than 1960 [We] have been able to establish from the names that Malinin mentioned that Petr Maksimovich Orlenko was the Deputy Chief and [later] Chief of the Magadan UKGB from 1956 through 1960. Information on him is being ascertained, and we will organize an interview with him at the first possible opportunity. Boris Ivanovich Tikhomirov was the Deputy Chief of the internal prison and then Chief of the Magadan UKGB detention facility from 1955 through November of 1960. His current whereabouts is being ascertained.

At our request, employees of the Magadan Oblast Directorate

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of the Russian Federation Ministry for State Security had a conversation with Lieutenant Colonel (reserve) Anatoliy Dimitrievich Terent'ev who served from 1957 through 1969 as a senior investigator with the Magadan Oblast UKGB attached to the Council of Ministers. A.D. Terent'ev categorically maintains that during his period of service in the UKGB no prisoners of foreign citizenship were held in the detention facilities of the UVD [Directorate of Internal Affairs] or UKGB.

Moreover, at our request the MVD RF [Russian Federation Ministry of Internal Affairs] checked the prisoner rosters of the correctional labor facilities in Leningrad and Leningrad Oblast, including the "Kresty" prison. We received an official response that in 1953-1954 there were no American citizens or other foreigners in these facilities

Work to verify the information produced is proceeding. You will also be informed of those results.

Respectfully,

Lieutenant Colonel [signature] S. Osipov

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